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THE OBSERVATOR.

oger *and his Son* Tom *agree to carry on the* Obſervator. *Their Vindication of their laſt Maſter, by which it appears that no One Sentence of his was contain'd, nor by Conſequence burnt, in Doctor* Sacheverell's *Collections.* Sacheverell *the Promoter of the Knaviſh Diſtinction (as he calls it) betwixt High and Low Church. A Letter from* Northampton *of a Young* Sacheverell *there. On the* Gloceſterſhire *Addreſs.*

From Wedneſday, March 29, to Saturday, April 1. 1710.

Roger. WELL, Son *Tom*, ſince Mr. *Obſervator* has quitted his Poſt to me and you, we muſt manage it as well as we can.

Tom. I'll do my beſt, Sir; ſince you have Good Senſe and Experience, and have been pleas'd to beſtow Learning upon me, I hope we ſhall do well enough: But Decency forbids me to call you *Roger*, therefore, Sir, you muſt be Mr. *Obſervator*, and I'll be your Countryman.

Roger. No Ceremonies betwixt thee and me, Boy; I'll be Honeſt *Roger*, the Countryman, while I live, and ſince I may call my own Son as I pleaſe, thou ſhalt be Mr. *Obſervator*; for I will not have the Method of the Paper chang'd, therefore let's ſee how thou'lt begin.

Tom. I am oblig'd to obey your Command, Sir: I think it proper to begin with the Vindication of our late Maſter; for the Faction triumph over him, and ſay, *That his Works were burnt as well as* Sacheverell's, *in the Doctor's Collections.*

Roger. There's not one Word of that true, *Tom*; the laſt *Obſervator* did not begin till Mr. *Tutchin*'s Death, which was in *Sept.* 170-. and there's not one Paſſage out of the *Obſervator* ſince in the Doctor's Collection; nor could he, for the Heart of him, find the leaſt Diſreſpectful Word of the Queen or Church of *England*, or any Thing that tended to Irreligion or Looſeneſs, ſince that Time. Though he was nothing ſhort of Mr. *Tutchin* in expoſing Tyranny, and Pretended Churchmen; he always expreſs'd himſelf with a great deal of Honour of thoſe who are Real Churchmen; and I muſt ſay too, in Vindication of my Deceas'd Maſter, that the Doctor has abus'd him in his Collections, as he has done the Sacred Text, by piecing and patching Quotations ſo as he thought would beſt ſuit his own Turn. But enough of that; here's a Letter to our late Maſter.

Mr. Obſervator,

I Am ſenſible that you have been uſefully buſied in expoſing the Sa———ian *Enormities; and ſure it is but reaſonable, whilſt the Faction flies in the Face of our Conſtitution, they ſhould be ſo ſerved, let their Party ſwear, damn, drink, and rail at you, as much as they are able. Our Legiſlators having determin'd the Point, I was not unwilling to let you know how the Party receiv'd the News of the Sentence in this Place: But firſt I will premiſe to you, that there is in this Town a Young* Oxonian Levite, *Curate to* All-Saints, *ſcarce of Three Months ſtanding, who hath almoſt railed away the One Half of his Maſter's Pariſhioners to a Neighbouring Congregation, ſerved by a Wiſer and Moderate Preacher. It hath been the Cuſtom of this Levite, ever ſince the Trial of Doctor* Paſſive-obedience *begun, to pray for him by the Appellation of* our Friend under Sufferings for the Teſtimony of a Good Conſcience; *though at the ſame Time he cannot in Conſcience pray for the Church of* Scotland, *which he always omits, contrary to the 55th Canon. This Gracious Prieſt, with his Brother Tribe, conſtantly frequent a certain Female Coffee-houſe, of Conſiderable Fame for Open Dicing and Gaming by Day and Night; and being furniſhed with* Dyer's Letter, *make (no doubt) their Learned Expoſitions on the Publick Affairs. But particularly they took Care on* Wedneſday *Night laſt to be a Full Houſe, making Remarks on the Doctor's Sentence, carouſing Healths, and making Publick Illuminations within and without Doors, as if the Doctrine of Paſſive-Obedience* (alias *Slavery*) *had been eſtabliſh'd by a Parliament of* Paris. *Some indeed, (eſpecially Young* Sa———ell, *for ſo he hath obtain'd to be called amongſt the Gang;) ſeemed ſomewhat mortified that the Good Lord M———r ſhould be commanded to ſuch a Drudgery as making a Martyr of ſuch a Piece of Divinity. I will only add this, that this Prieſt's Cackling had almoſt incens'd the Mob to as Untoward Abuſes on Diſſenters as was given them at* London, *openly, and upon the Sabbath-Day, reviling them as they paſſed from their Meetings with the Opprobious Terms of Presbyterian Devils, (though there is not any Presbyterian Aſſembly in this Place;) and adding, they would pull down their Meeting-houſe. I am none of them, but amazed to think what our Licentious Preachers (inſtead of encreaſing Piety in their Hearers) have brought a great Part of our moſt Ignorant Vulgar unto. One of thoſe (that courts the Mob) could write on the Margin of one of your* Obſervators *lately,* Odi Prophanum *Vulgus* & Arceo: *Whether he would have* Vulgus *underſtood to be the Houſe of Commons, or what elſe, our Criticks have not determined, tho' we can give a ſhrewd gueſs. Maſter, God keep you, ſpirit you, and make you uſeful in beating down this Unreaſonable Generation, who would ſwallow you up, and all Honeſt Men, if they had Power entruſted with them. So remains, Sir,*

Your Aſſured Loving Friend.

Northampton,
March 26.
1710.

Pray, Mr. *Obſervator*, for ſo I will call you now, give me your Thoughts of it.

Obſ. Well, *Roger*, ſince you command me to call you ſo, my Opinion of it is, that the Author's a very Honeſt Gentleman, and that the Men he expoſes are highly to blame, eſpecially the *Oxonian Levite*, who may probably be call'd Young *Sacheverell* for more Reaſons than one, as well as ſeveral Children in *Southwark* have lately been Chriſten'd ſo, becauſe the Dr. has always valued himſelf for being an Uſeful Man in his Generation, and ſo I underſtand he is accounted by a great many Ladies. Beſides, I remember that at the Cloſe of his *Political Union* he ſaid it concern'd thoſe of his Univerſity more particularly to be true to their Profeſſion, becauſe they were intruſted with the Education of Future Patriots.

Roger.

Roger. Why truly Mr. *Obſervator*, that Young *Smirk* looks as like one of his dragging up as poſſible; but I think I may uſe the Form of Prayer ſaid to be conceived by a Right Reverend Prelate of our Church on the like Occaſion, *God deliver us from ſuch Churchmen, and the Church from the Scandal of ſuch Pretenders.* There it is, as we find it in the Title Page of a Pamphlet, called, *The Character of a Low-Churchman.*

Obſ. Dr. *Sacheverell* complains of thoſe, *Roger*, in his Quarto Sermon at St. *Paul's*, p. 20. *Who have Villainouſly divided us with the Knaviſh Diſtinction of High and Low Churchmen.*

Countrym. I know it, Mr. *Obſervator*, but very unhappily, for he thereby makes himſelf a Villain and Knave, ſince he is one of the firſt who made uſe of that Diſtinction, as appears by his Libel, Intituled, *The Character of a Low Churchman, Printed in* 1702, before either the *Obſervator* or *Review* made uſe of the Word, and there he gives us ſuch Characters of the moſt Learned and Pious Lord Biſhop of *Worceſter*, of the Lord Biſhop of *Sarum*, of that Excellent Perſon the Late Lord Archbiſhop *Tillotſon*, and indeed of all our Moderate Churchmen; we are not to wonder his late Rebellious Mob threatned the Lives of the Biſhop of *Salisbury*, Mr. *Hoadly*, and other Real Churchmen, who are as hateful to him, and the other Falſe Pretenders to the Name of Churchmen, that are for a Popiſh King, and a *French* Government, as are the profeſſed Diſſenters.

I have other Letters of the ſame Nature with that from *Northampton*, from *Devonſhire*, *Lincolnſhire*, *Surry*, the Biſhoprick of *Durham*, *&c.* but I want your Opinion of a Paper, ſaid to be from *Glocesterſhire*, for our pretended Churchmen hug it, and make a mighty Noiſe of it, as being to the Tune of S. *Sacheverell.*

The Addreſs of the High Sheriff, Grand Jury, Juſtices of the Peace, and other Gentlemen, of the County of Glocester, *at the Aſſizes.*

WE Your Majeſty's moſt Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the High Sheriff, Grand Jury, Juſtices of the Peace, and other Gentlemen of the County of *Glocester*, aſſembled at the Aſſizes held for the ſaid County, on the 18th Day of *March*, 1709, do gladly embrace this Opportunity of giving Your Majeſty our Hearty and Solemn Aſſurances, that we now are, and always ſhall be, ready to ſacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in Defence of Your Majeſty's moſt Sacred Perſon, Prerogative, and Government, the Proteſtant Succeſſion, and the Church of *England*, as by Law Eſtabliſh'd, and its Apoſtolical Doctrines and Ordinances, againſt all Republican, Traiterous, Factious, and Schiſmatical Oppoſers at Home, and all open and profeſs'd Enemies Abroad; that we, in our ſeveral Capacities, to our utmoſt, will endeavour to ſuppreſs all Seditious Tenets, Immoralities, and Prophaneneſs; and in the enſuing Parliament chuſe ſuch Repreſentatives, as are moſt affectionately Dutiful to Your Majeſty, Religiouſly Zealous for our Holy Church, and have the tenderest Regard for the Lives, Liberties, and Eſtates, of their Fellow Subjects.

Long may Your Majeſty Live and Reign over us, as the Nurſing-Mother of our Spotleſs Religion, the Delight and Darling of a Happy People, and the Terror and Scourge of Ambitious Tyrants. May Your Majeſty, Late, very Late, exchange thoſe Temporal Crowns for an Immortal One, and our Diſtant Poſterity enjoy the Benefits, and bleſs the Memory of Your Majeſty's Piety and Conduct. Theſe are the ſincere Prayers of, *&c.*

Obſ. I don't know why they ſhould hug this Addreſs ſo much, *Roger*, for according to the Natural Meaning of the Words 'tis againſt them; thoſe Gentlemen, ſay, they are *now* ready to ſacrifice their Lives and Fortunes in Defence of Her Majeſty's Perſon, *&c.* No body has attack'd them but *Sacheverell's* Mob, who, as we are inform'd by Her Majeſty's Proclamation, rebell'd againſt her Perſon and Government; and according to the Impeachment of the Commons, their Ringleader had Seditious Intentions to ſubvert the Proteſtant Succeſſion, to keep up Factions and Parties, to incite the Subjects to Sedition and Rebellion, and *Schiſmatically* charged Men of *Stations in the Church* as Falſe Brethren, of all which he is found guilty by the Supream Judicature of the Nation; then ſince 'tis ſo *Roger*, 'tis *Sacheverell* and his Faction, who are the Republican, Traiterous, Factious, and Schiſmatical, Oppoſers of Her Majeſty's moſt Sacred Perſon, Prerogative, and Government, the Proteſtant Succeſſion, and the Church of *England*, as by Law Eſtabliſh'd. This Her Majeſty and both Houſes of Parliament have declar'd, and indeed with very great Reaſon, for the Dr. and his Faction have endeavoured to introduce the very worſt Sort of Republican Government, and rais'd the Scum or Exrements of the Mob in a Tumultuous Democratical Manner, to take the Executive Power from the Queen, the *Legiſlative* Power from Her Majeſty and both Houſes, and the Supream Juridical Power from the Lords; ſo that if the *Engliſh* Tongue has not of late been ſo far chang'd by *Sacheverell's* Inchantments, as that we muſt underſtand Men to ſpeak one Thing, and mean another, theſe are the Seditious Tenets, Immoralities, and Prophaneneſs, which thoſe Gentlemen muſt endeavour to ſuppreſs, for No body elſe rebell'd againſt the Queen, or attack'd the Lives, Liberties, and Eſtates, of their Fellow Subjects; and tho' I don't love to hear of *Religion's being put out to Nurſing-Mothers*, becauſe that naturally implies, that 'tis a New and Young Sort of Religion, yet I am ſatisfied Her Majeſty Nurſes no other but the Old Religion of Chriſt contain'd in the Scripture, and collected in the Doctrinal Articles of the Church of *England*; therefore thoſe Gentlemen muſt underſtand the Religion as by Law Eſtabliſh'd, and not that of *Sacheverell* and his Faction, which we know is Nurſed by Turns, at St. *Germains*, *Rome*, and *Verſailes*, as appears by its Ricketty Head, without Brains, and by the Diſtortion and Deformity of all its Members.

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